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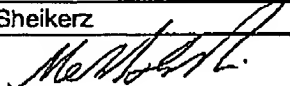
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		First Named Inventor	Hiroyasu SHINO, et al.		
		Group Art Unit	3625		
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In re the Application of:

Hiroyasu SHINO, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 3625

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Examiner: Robert E. Rhode, Jr.

For: **METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR SELLING OR PURCHASING COMMODITIES VIA
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Sir:

This is in response to the final Office Action mailed July 14, 2004, and having a period for response set to expire on October 14, 2004. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time, together with the requisite fee, is enclosed thereby extending the response due date to November 15, 2004 (November 14, 2004 falling on a Sunday). This Reply is timely filed on November 15, 2004 via certificate of facsimile.

Entry and consideration of the remarks, including reconsideration of the claims, is respectfully requested, because the remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the claimed present invention.

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